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SUBJECT: CARAVAN AMERICA

SUMMARY: REQUESTS HQ GUIDANCE ON WAIVER ALLOCATION FOR CARAVAN AMERICA INVITEES.

JW-6-471 RE WALL 6-302-MS. THIS OFFICE COORDINATING WITH USIS/TOKYO TO FINALIZE MEDIA INVITEE LISTING AND DESPATCH INVITATIONS ON BEHALF OF WALLY BYAM FOUNDATION FOR CARVAN AMERICA. IT IS OUR COMBINED OPINION HOWEVER THAT FEW INVITEES WILL TRAVEL WITH FAMILIES IF WAIVERS FOR THEM UNAVAILABLE. VERY FEW, IF ANY, JOURNALIST WILLING BEAR HIGH COST OF TRANS-PACIFIC AIR TRANSPORTATION OUT OF POCKET FOR SPOUSE AND CHILDREN, AND THIS COULD DEFEAT BASIC PURPOSE OF PROJECT AS FAMILY VENTURE. AS ALTERNATIVE, WE SUGGEST GROUPING THREE TO FOUR BONAFIDE JOURNALISTS AS A COVERAGE TEAM IN ONE VEHICLE. USIS AND FEC REPORT INITIAL INTEREST AMONG ALL SIX MAJOR TV ENTWORKS IN TOKYO, WITH STRONG LKIELIHOOD OF THIER SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING PARTICIPATION WITH TWO TO THREE-MEN TEAM SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF WAIVERS FOR ENTIRE TEAM. USIS CONSIDERS, AND USTS CONCURS, THAT THIS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR NATIONWIDE NETWORK COVERAGE OF CARAVAN PROJECT AND WE AWAIT OUR EARLIEST REACTION ON FEASIBILITY OF WAIVERS FOR PRODUCTION GROUPS. CABLE REPLY REQUESTED.
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